



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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**Important Alert: New Law Requiring Proof of Citizenship and Identity**

Dear Recipient:

You now receive health care benefits from the State of Maryland's Children's Health Program or Medical Assistance Program (for example, HealthChoice, Primary Adult Care, and all waiver programs). After **July 1, 2006**, if you declare to be a U.S. citizen, a new federal law requires you to provide proof of your United States citizenship and your identity.

**We have already verified your citizenship and identity. You do NOT need to provide your birth certificate or any additional proof of your citizenship or identity at this time. When you receive a redetermination packet, you will follow the same procedures that were in place before July 1, 2006.**

If you have questions about these new requirements, please call:

***1-800-492-5231 (toll free)***

***Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame 1-800-492-5231.***

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